



Welcome to the Greater Atlanta ACAMS Chapter newsletter. The Atlanta Chapter of ACAMS launched in June 2011 and was formed to advance the professional knowledge, skills, and experience of anti-money laundering professionals in the region. If you are interested in joining the chapter, please [click here](#).

**Upcoming Training:**

**Various ACAMS Webinars:** Check upcoming webinars at [ACAMS.org](https://www.acams.org)

**ACAMS Webinar:** November 18, 2021 (1 ACAMS Credit) The Clarity You Need to Accelerate Your AML Analytics Agenda – registration at [ACAMS.org](https://www.acams.org)

**Next ACAMS Atlanta Chapter meeting:** In-person Meeting – Tentative



**ACAMS Feature Article:**

**Areas of Focus on as the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020 Takes Shape**

The Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020 (AMLA) represents the most significant reform to U.S. anti-money laundering (AML) laws since the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001. It is clear the new law will have overarching impacts on financial crime compliance programs. This article from Dan Polar of LexisNexis® Risk Solutions outlines areas to focus on to help position your business for successful compliance with the AMLA.

Find out critical considerations for setting priorities around:

- Evaluating risk policies and identifying potential gaps
- Updating processes and workflows
- Assessing and aligning compliance technologies with AMLA expectations

LexisNexis Risk Solutions combines compliance expertise, innovative solutions and advanced technologies to enable our clients to prioritize business goals and optimize compliance with the AMLA. Get expert insights to optimize compliance efficiencies across your own compliance program. Connect to the complete article [here](#).



## Thank you! ACAMS Atlanta's Chapter September's Event Guest Speaker



On September 16, 2021, **Steven Kemmerling**, the Founder and CEO of CRB Monitor, as the guest speaker presented on the timely topic of Cannabis & Financial Institutions at the Atlanta Chapter's Lunch & Learn.

During the lunch & learn presentation, Steven shared valuable information and insights on understanding, identification, and managing Cannabis risk and opportunities with ACAMS members and friends.

Thank you to Mr. Kemmerling who is an established thought-leader on "cannabis banking," speaking frequently on the topic at local and national ACAMS events.

## Are You Aware of the ACAMS Resource?

### Featured Webinar:

**Insights from the 2021 True Cost of Financial Crimes Compliance Study** – The average annual cost of financial crime compliance (FCC) has risen 36% in the past year, and 95% since 2019, according to the LexisNexis Risk Solutions 2021 True Cost of Financial Crime Compliance Study – United States and Canada Edition. Accelerated digital transformation, persisting pandemic pressures and growing regulatory requirements are driving widespread compliance disruption as evolving market conditions and expanding digital channels are fueling financial crime. Join experts from LexisNexis® Risk Solutions for recommendations on how businesses how can respond to today's FCC risk and operations realities. They will also provide insights on increasing the effectiveness of your FCC program without compromising your core business goals. Visit the [ACAMS.org](https://www.acams.org) page to access the full article.

### Spotlight chapter member of the month

Future versions of the newsletter will feature a spotlight ACAMS Atlanta Chapter member of the month. This section of the newsletter will contain a picture and brief bio/submission for member of the month. Do you have a chapter member you would like to nominate? Send your votes to [Chapters@acams.org](mailto:Chapters@acams.org) (include Atlanta Chapter newsletter response in the subject line of your email)





## SPOTLIGHT CHAPTER MEMBER OF THE MONTH

### Cassandra O'Neil, CAMS

Cassandra O'Neil, CAMS has worked in the financial services industry for five years. Cassandra graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 2016 where



she earned a degree in Journalism. Shortly after graduating she began working at SunTrust Bank, where she decided to pursue a career in BSA/AML Compliance.

O'Neil is currently a BSA/AML Compliance Supervisor at InComm Payments, a FinTech company whose products and services include bill payment and prepaid cards. In Cassandra's current role she oversees the daily operations of the On-boarding and Oversight Team whose responsibility is to perform due diligence on merchants who use InComm products and services.

Outside of work, O'Neil enjoys spending time with her husband and two dogs. She also enjoys work out classes such as HIIT, Yoga, and Barre.



**ACAMS Atlanta Chapter Members:**

- Are you a member? Not yet? If you are interested in joining the chapter, please [click here](#).
  - Chapter membership offers an array of benefits for your professional career.
  - Chapter events provide networking opportunities within AML and other related industries.
  - Chapter membership is an excellent resource to stay up to date on current events in the industry.
  - CAMS credits can be earned at Atlanta Chapter events.
  - Chapter membership provides a discount at quarterly events.
  - Chapter membership and events provide access to and information about vendors within the industry.
  
- **Reminder:** Is your membership active? Log into your ACAMS account and click the join chapter link for renewal.
  
- Do you have any **suggestions**? Please contact us at [Chapters@acams.org](mailto:Chapters@acams.org) (include Atlanta Chapter newsletter response in the subject line of your email)
  - Topics and/or speakers for future events
  - Nominations for spotlight chapter member of the month (must include contact information for the individual you are submitting)
  - Newsletter content suggestions
  - Other suggestions

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